

## ARE SETTLED IN CAMPS

## Company I Boys on Border and at Burlington Hard at Work

## Texas Letters Tell of Conditions—Pajamas Ordered for Comfort—Recruits Anxious to Get to Front.

Life on the Mexican border so far as it concerns Company I and at Camp Governor Gates near Fort Ethan Allen, so far as reports from the two places reaching The Phoenix, show it has developed into a round of routine drill and monotonous camp life. In Texas it is varied somewhat by the daily sandstorms and sights that are strange to Vermont eyes. At the state camp the recruits are anxiously awaiting the order to entrain and start for the border.

## CAMP SHAFER, EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, JULY 6.

Editor of The Phoenix:—

The camp is fairly well settled now. The Maryland troops pulled in here yesterday and other troops are apt to come any day.

All the men who have not had a definite case of typhoid or had not received the inoculation within four years must undergo inoculation. The first treatment was administered July 4, in celebration of the nation's birthday.

Lieut. Taylor reports very little illness to date. Edward J. Bergeron of Company I is under the weather as the result of the inoculation. Fred Howard is laid up with lumbago, but the condition of neither of the men is in any way serious.

Several of the boys have been transferred to the mounted scouts and expect to receive their mounts soon. They are Guy Stockwell, W. A. Adams, Girard and Thomas E. Doyle.

Our daily sandstorm came yesterday somewhat earlier than usual and was followed by a rain lasting two hours. This downpour was the first rain in about 15 months. It was certainly a great blessing to the few farmers around here as their gardens are nearly all burned up.

The price of land down here is something ridiculous, costing \$100 an acre. They consider anyone who invests in real estate in this part of the country as a fit candidate for the penitentiary or the Brattleboro Retreat.

The company was out bright and early for a three hours' drill this morning and the men are rapidly being put in shape for the hardest sort of work. There has been an exchange of letters for each battalion and the proceeds are divided equally among the different companies of the respective battalions. This exchange not only helps the men, but increases the company funds. The exchanges sell all sorts of soft drinks, candies such as ice cream, sandwiches, pies and doughnuts, postal cards, writing paper, stamps and periodicals.

There are two outgoing mails, at 9:30 a. m. and 12:30 p. m.; and one incoming mail at 7:30 p. m. Company I's mail bag always makes a good showing. The Red Cross contributions, the postal cards, writing paper, stamps and periodicals.

We have just received a draft from Col. J. G. Estey for \$50. Make it plain that this money is needed more by the company than by individual men. Thank all for their contributions.

HENRY E. ROBBINS,  
Clerk, Company I.

Numerous letters have begun to arrive from the boys of Company I in camp at Eagle Pass, Texas, to relatives and friends in town, and all contain matters of public interest. All emphasize the sand storms which occur each evening.

Arnold Pellett, in a letter to his father, John C. Pellett, writes from Eagle Pass under date of July 4: "The town is more of a place than I expected. I should say it is about as large as Brattleboro. There were some regular batteries and a couple of regiments here, but we were the militia to get here. Since we came about three more regiments of militia have arrived.

"The river is not far from camp and there are about 12,000 Mexican soldiers on the other side, they say. We can see some of them. It is hot enough, and there are no shade trees. Every evening about 6 or 7 o'clock the wind begins blowing hard and you can't see a thing for half an hour on account of the sand. It gets into everything and you have to hold down the tents on the inside to keep them from blowing away.

"I guess it is healthy enough as no one is sick, which is a wonder after all we had to eat on the train.

"We don't have to do much in the middle of the day, but get up at 4:45 and work a while and again after supper.

"We haven't any idea how long we will be here, but we are fixed up pretty comfortably and probably will stay for some time.

Letters received here from Lieut. Herbert W. Taylor, assistant surgeon of the First Vermont regiment, now at Eagle Pass, Texas, give a little insight into conditions there that have not been noted by others in their letters home.

He says he has talked with a medical missionary from Mexico, who recently left that country, and learned that the Mexican forces have absolute ly no commissary department. Living on what they can steal and such food as they have being cooked by Mexican women who follow the army. The men are ragged and in a miserable condition. This missionary said that there was some smallpox and some typhus in Mexico, but that the remarkable fact remains that the Mexicans in the army have very little of the usual camp diseases.

Only a very few men of the regiment are ill and none of them seriously and not a member of Company I is on the sick list.

Any impression that the Rio Grande is wide at the point guarded by the Vermont regiment is dispelled by the following statement in the letter: "This morning (July 4) Mexican forces came down to the opposite side of the river which at this point is little more than a brook."

Describing the condition of the Mexicans, he writes that the Mexican

children at mess times flock into the camp like droves of animals and eat camp refuse that would not be given to the hogs in Vermont.

In a letter written at Eagle Pass, Texas, July 4, and addressed to the clerks in Houghton & Simonds's store John Atkinson, who was a clerk there, declares that he never was in better health than he is at present and can see no reason why he should become ill if he takes reasonable care of himself.

Capt. Ernest W. Gibson of Company I, V. N. G., who has been one of the three commissioned company officers in charge of the recruit camp near Fort Ethan Allen, came to town Saturday afternoon to close up some personal matters and do what recruiting was possible. He returned Monday afternoon. Capt. Gibson expects to leave for the Mexican border next week with the recruits now in camp.

Two arms of the service are now represented at the camp. The cavalry has a strength of 190, which is 70 less than the minimum war strength required before the war department will recognize it as an organization, and the infantry with a strength of 115. Of the infantry recruits there are 25 who have qualified from Brattleboro. Orders have been received to move the recruits to the border as soon as equipped and after sufficient drill to permit the officers to handle the men. The men have been drilling seven hours a day and are well enough prepared in this respect to be moved to the front. They have been equipped also with the very latest word in federal government equipment and were it not for the lack of strength in the cavalry both organizations would move within 48 hours.

Under the new federal law there is required with each regiment of infantry in addition to the regulation number of battalions, one headquarters company, one supply company, one machine gun company. The Vermont regiment has not had these added as yet.

It has been suggested that were the cavalry strength to be transferred to the infantry of Vermont's quota these additional companies could be provided, and as soon as the cavalrymen could be equipped with the regulation infantry outfit, all of which is on hand at the state camp, the entire body could move for the front.

Capt. Gibson says that the drilling of the recruits for Company I has been much facilitated by the able assistance of John Marshall, jr., a former sergeant in the regular army, who enlisted in the company here, and Thor L. Anderson, a former sergeant of the company, who re-enlisted at the call for recruits.

The present personnel of the company recruits at the state camp is as follows:

First Sergeant, John Marshall, jr.; Sergeant, Thor L. Anderson; acting corporals, David E. Carey, Charles G. Holden, Henry T. Moore; privates—Charles P. Allard, Charles F. Bacon, Arthur H. Cain, Allen C. Colt, Gerald B. Conner, Elias T. Foley, Paul J. Gottwald, Chester W. Lane, George H. Lane, Harold M. Lane, Dewey V. Le Farr, Frank P. Lynch, Edward Nichols, Alphonse C. Ratte, Walter J. Scott, Robert P. Thayer, George E. Thompson, William R. Tweed, John A. Rhodes, Howard F. Mowrey.

Frederick S. Thompson and Elwyn Richardson are both in the Fanny Allen hospital, where they underwent minor operations, and upon their recovery they will be accepted. Moses Veoir left with Capt. Gibson this afternoon.

Ben D. Weedon returned from the state camp Monday, having failed in a second effort to pass the physical examination. Capt. Gibson, when here Sunday and Monday, was positive before he left that the young man had been finally accepted.

Francis Devo of Milford, N. H., well known in Brattleboro, has sent information that he has joined the cavalry and has been at Camp Spaulding 21 days.

Maj. Linn D. Taylor, Private Alphonse Rutte and Benjamin Hill, a recruit for the cavalry, left here Thursday morning on the 11:11 o'clock train for the state camp. Maj. Taylor and Private Rutte came Tuesday to attend the funeral of W. H. Brackett and to do what recruiting could be done in the short time they were here.

Hill is a Brattleboro boy, formerly employed in The Reformer composing room and lately employed in Keene, N. H. He is on a vacation at present but if he succeeds in passing the physical examination for the cavalry will be sent.

Maj. Taylor is confident that orders will be received in a few days for the entraining of the recruits for Company I for a trip to the border to join the command at Eagle Pass, Texas.

Maj. Linn D. Taylor was one of the speakers last evening at a meeting held at the junction to raise money for the militia fund. The net receipts of the meeting are to be divided equally between companies M, C, and G and the local corps.

Col. Ira L. Reeves, commander of the Vermont regiment now at Eagle Pass, Texas, has written Harry S. Howard, treasurer of the Vermont chapter of the American Red Cross, asking him to start a fund to buy pajamas for the boys until such time as they may take the field. He writes: "The climate here is terrific, considering that the change has been so radical, and if they were supplied with pajamas they could make themselves much more comfortable during the heat of the day when not at drill or other duties."

Mr. Howard is to communicate at once with the branches of the Red Cross in the state and hopes to send pajamas enough for the whole regiment in a week's time.

The appeal for pajamas brought quick action on the part of the local branch of the Red Cross and 100 suits were ordered shipped this morning for the use of members of Company I. The local Red Cross organization has not money enough in its treasury to pay for these suits, but confidently expects that the necessary money will be forthcoming in the form of prompt contributions.

Col. J. Gray Estey has so far received a total of \$240 for the Company I fund and Saturday forwarded a draft for \$100 to Lieut. Walter R. Spaulding, commanding the company at Eagle Pass, Texas. This makes \$200 that has been sent for the benefit of the company.

## MANY ALFALFA PLOTS

## County Agent Tells What Is Being Done in Demonstrations

## Grasshoppers Again Doing Much Damage—Some Infestations as Bad as Last Year.

The Monthly News Letter, just issued by A. W. Sweeton, Windham county agricultural agent, contains much interesting information. Mr. Sweeton has the following to say about alfalfa demonstration plots, grasshopper infestations and summer meetings and trips:

Alfalfa demonstration plots—For the last three years we have been watching the work that was being done with this crop in Windham county. After careful study of the methods used we feel confident that alfalfa can be grown successfully on well-selected fields, with very little extra attention that would be necessary to get a good stand of clover. The soil must be well drained and have enough slope to carry off all surface water immediately. The field must be well manured and limed to take out the acid. The seed must be northern grown and must be well inoculated, and all evidences up to date are that seedling in midsummer after out and peas is preferable to spring seeding.

The Grimm alfalfa is said to be the most hardy variety, but on account of its high cost it is almost prohibitive. On two variety tests that have been running since August, 1914, two varieties of common alfalfa grown in South Dakota have wintered as well and have yielded larger crops than Grimm. We had hoped to pick a best variety for Windham county and provide means for our farmers getting that variety, but owing to the scarcity of all northern-grown seed in 1915 about the best that can be done is to get common Idaho alfalfa. E. R. Andrews, Putney, has several hundred pounds of this seed, which was sent by mistake and which he will distribute to any parties who are putting in alfalfa this summer.

By the first of August we hope to have fifteen alfalfa demonstration plots scattered about the county. Most of these plots will contain about a third of an acre and will be divided into three parts. One part will have Grimm seed and will be limed and inoculated. A second will have common seed and be limed and inoculated. A third will have common seed and will not be limed or inoculated. These plots should show the necessity of lime and inoculation and the relative value of Grimm and common northern grown seed for this section.

These plots will be located as follows: Valley fair grounds (1914 plot), Brattleboro; E. H. Pratt (1915 plot), East Dover; Memorial hospital, Brattleboro; Everett Corbett, West Brattleboro; Albert Austin, Brookline; S. A. Merrill, Williamsville; Nial Bemis, Athens; Gerald Albee, Brookline; W. H. Hezek, West Brattleboro; C. A. Faulkner, Jacksonville; Arthur Howe, Newfane; George Corson, Wilmington; Gerald Adams, Marlboro.

We wish to express our appreciation to those men for offering to co-operate in this work, and we hope that four or five more plots may be secured. Most of these are on the highway and will be marked with appropriate signs.

Grasshopper infestations—For the last three years there have been serious outbreaks of grasshoppers on many of the farm lands along the Connecticut and West rivers in Windham county. It was hoped that the rainy weather during last fall and this spring would kill them out and end the trouble. It has not been, however, and there are areas in Putney, Brookline, Townsend and Newfane where the infestations are as bad as last year.

In looking over the infested areas it has been very noticeable that there are very few hoppers on the farms where the fields were treated thoroughly last season. The same results have been obtained in the Merrimack valley in New Hampshire, demonstrating that taking care of the hoppers thoroughly one year keeps the farms free from them for several years provided the infestations on neighboring farms are taken care of.

For the last two weeks the county agent has been very busy in having the services of Harrison E. Smith, who is a specialist of the United States bureau of entomology and has charge of the United States entomological laboratory at West Springfield, Mass. Mr. Smith has the whole of New England as his territory, but he offered to put in two weeks of his time in Windham county if all the farmers on the highway joining farms in the infested areas would co-operate in treating the hoppers. Heretofore some men would spend considerable money clearing up their farms while a neighbor would do nothing and the hoppers would come right back in again, while if all cleared up the trouble would be done away with for several years to come.

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enough better to more than make up for the time taken.

At the annual meeting of the Windham County Agricultural association in February the state Grange invited us to co-operate with them in holding a summer field meeting in Brattleboro about the middle of August. We expect that this meeting will be held, but are unable to give any details at this time.

Plans are also under way for a field meeting in Newfane with a basket picnic and outside speakers. Also for a picnic and field meeting at the pond in Athens with the co-operation of neighboring communities.

During the past two years there have been several automobile trips to places of interest both within and without the county. In 1914 two parties went to Amherst, visiting several successful farms on the way. After two years there will be changes in the work at the Massachusetts station and would it not be interesting and of value to us to make a second visit this summer? On the way we might see some fine stock and excellent crops at A. A. Dunklee & Son's, South Vernon, Mr. Hermon school and at the Northfield seminary farms at Northfield, Mass. The farmers from some community might make this trip or a party might go for a whole county. If you are interested in such a trip, let's hear from you.

## WESTMINSTER, Vt.

Miss Alice Gould of Windser is visiting her cousin, Dr. Chapman.

Frank Harlow of Malden, Mass., spent last week here with his family.

Mrs. Maria Loomis of Danville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Walter Curtis.

Pastor Curtis will preach next Sunday morning on the Peace That God Honors.

Miss Ruth Harlow of Brattleboro is spending a week's vacation at her home here.

Miss Nellie Butterfield, a trained nurse, went Thursday to Springfield, Vt., to take charge of a case.

Orin Coddling, teacher in the high school at Binghamton, N. Y., is at his home here for the summer vacation.

Conrad Baker returned Saturday to Toledo, Ohio, after spending several weeks here with his family.

The Junior Christian Endeavor society met last Saturday afternoon with Mrs. Clinton McElroy, Pauline Harlow as leader.

Miss Maude Loomis of Danville, who has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Walter Curtis, for the past two weeks, has gone to Boston to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fuller of Glen Falls, N. Y., came Saturday to visit Mr. Fuller's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell, making the trip in their automobile.

Mrs. Grace Perry and daughters, Miss Edna Fuller and Pauline Perry of Malden, Mass., came Saturday for a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Bell.

High Wellman of Chicago came Sunday to visit his mother, Mrs. Rachel Wellman. He and his mother went Thursday to Arlington, Mass., to visit his sister, Mrs. Damon Stevens.

Rev. George Brimacombe of Revere, Mass., who is passing two weeks with Rev. and Mrs. Walter Curtis, preached for Mr. Curtis last Sunday morning and his sermon was much enjoyed. He will speak next Sunday evening on Lights and Shadows of London.

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## TWO KILLED BY SHARK.

## Monster Attacked Boy and Strong Swimmer Attempted Rescue—Both Mutilated, Sank.

Lester Stillwell, 12, was killed by a man-eating shark while bathing in an arm of Hariton bay near Matawan, N. J., Wednesday, Stanley Fisher, 24, who went to his aid, was so badly injured in a desperate struggle with the nine-foot sea monster that he died while being taken to a Long Branch hospital. Joseph Dunn, 12 years old, bathing some distance away in the same inlet, was attacked by a shark and one of his legs was so lacerated it probably will have to be amputated.

This is the third time within two weeks that sharks have claimed the lives of bathers along the New Jersey coast. Charles E. Van Stant, a youth of Philadelphia, was killed by one off Beach Haven, N. J., on the 2d. Charles Bruler of Spring Lake, N. J., was attacked and both his legs taken off by a shark on the 6th. He died while men who went to his rescue were carrying him ashore.

The summer population along the New Jersey coast has become terror stricken, and few persons now are venturing in the water at beach resorts which have not been protected by steel nets. Motorboat patrols carrying armed men have been established at various points to hunt the man-eaters.

A dozen or more boys, who also were bathing in the inlet, saw young Stillwell suddenly raise his hands above the water and heard his scream for help. A moment later he disappeared from view. Fisher, powerfully built and a strong swimmer, who was standing on the bank of the inlet, leaped into the water to the rescue. He had gone only a few feet when the shark attacked him, tearing a piece out of his thigh.

In spite of his wound Fisher battled with the shark and kept on until he reached young Stillwell. He caught the boy up in his arms and had started for shore when the shark renewed the attack. Burdened as he was, Fisher was helpless and the shark snatched off his leg. Fisher released his hold on Stillwell and himself sank beneath the surface unconscious. Helpless of the danger, another boy sprang into the inlet and dragged Fisher out. No trace of young Stillwell was found and it is believed he was devoured by the shark.

The Dunn boy, according to persons who were standing on the bank of the inlet, also was attacked soon after going into the water. An elder brother and another boy went to his rescue. They succeeded in driving off the shark, but not until after the younger Dunn's leg had been torn almost to the knee down. Dr. H. S. Cooley, who attended the Dunn boy, said he probably would recover unless blood poisoning developed. He was removed to a hospital in New Brunswick, N. J.

Hundreds of persons flocked to the bank of the inlet soon after the tragedy. The inlet, about 50 feet wide, is about 10 or 12 feet deep, and extends for a distance of several miles from Hariton bay. Several persons along Hariton bay said last night they had seen the fluke of a shark during the afternoon, and they agreed that it was about nine feet long.

Efforts were made last night to bar the entrance of the sharks to sea by stretching a wire netting across the inlet where it empties into the bay, and it is probable that dynamite will be used to bring them to the surface. Hundreds of armed men in row boats and launches were hunting yesterday for the shark. It was reported yesterday that another man named Baldwin was attacked and killed by a shark at Keyport, N. J., at the mouth of the creek. The body of Lester Stillwell has not been recovered and it is believed that the shark devoured the lad.

## SCATTERED HUSBAND'S ASHES.

Mrs. Starr, Once a Well-Known Circus Rider, Compiled with Her Late Husband's Request.

The widow of Georg O. Starr, once Barnum & Bailey show manager, and anti-slavery in London, in September, connected with the Crystal Palace, has arrived by the American liner, Philadelphia to settle his estate, after scattering her husband's ashes to the winds in mid-ocean on the night of July 5.

Mrs. Starr won fame as a circus performer before she was married to Starr. In her act at Niblo's, many years ago she was loaded into the mouth of a cannon and fired to a trapeze, on which she did stunts untripped for the period, finally falling into a net.

She was known then as "Zazel, the Human Cannon Ball." It was in this perilous thriller that an unexpected explosion almost crippled her for life. She still suffers from a spinal injury that forces her to abandon strenuous circus work.

Mrs. Starr said her husband requested that his body be cremated and the ashes "strewn to the four winds," and that she was dissuaded from carrying out the latter injunction by British folks who said she would not be allowed to do it in England. That is why she kept the ashes until she got to mid-ocean, when she went out on the promenade deck and tossed them in her folded skirt, said a prayer for her husband and tossed them to leeward. A sailor was the only person who saw the ceremony and he was unaware of its significance.

## Another Vermont Admiral.

(Bennington Banner.)

In speaking of Vermont's contribution to the navy the Banner and other Vermont papers have neglected to mention Rear Admiral Franklin C. Prindle, who was an Arlington boy and who served most creditably for 50 years and is now retired and lives in Washington. He went into the navy during the Civil war and won his high rank by merit and ability.

## There Are Others.

Job didn't get away with all the patience, Moses didn't corner the meekness market, Solomon didn't know it all and, by hokey, Ananias wasn't the only liar.—Houston Post.

## Hot Weather Footwear